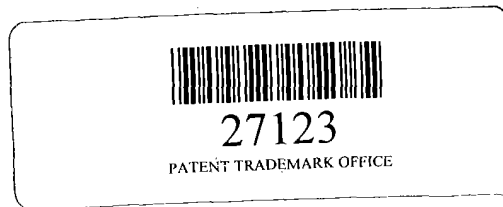


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UTILITY APPLICATION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL (§1.53(b))

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s) names and addresses:

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For: **EXPLOSION-PROOF INSTRUMENT QUICK DISCONNECT AND SEAL**

Enclosed Are:

- 15** page(s) of specification
- 1** page(s) of Abstract
- 7** page(s) of claims (1-28)
- 2** sheets of Drawings (FIGS. 1-5)
- 6** page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

- ☐ Unsigned
- ☐ Newly Executed
- ☒ **Copy from prior application Serial No. 09/924,076 filed on August 7, 2001.**
- ☐ Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2)

☐ **REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) (form PTO/SB/35)**

As indicated on the attached Request and Certification, Applicant(s) certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application HAS NOT and WILL NOT be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. Applicant(s) therefore request(s) that the attached application NOT be published under 35 U.S.C. §122(b).

☒ **Incorporation by Reference:**

☒ **The entire disclosures of the prior application, from which copies of the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney are supplied herein, are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are incorporated herein by reference.**

☐ Deletion of Inventors (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) and §1.33(b))

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application serial no. _____, filed _____.

☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

☐ page(s) of Sequence Listing

☐ computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing

☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same

☒ **Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)**

☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment

☐ Charge the Assignment Recordation Fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. _____.

☒ **Assignment Papers filed in the parent application serial no. 09/924,076, filed on August 7, 2001.**

☐ Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 for:

Application No(s). _____, filed _____, in _____ (country).

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) [_____]

☐ filed herewith

☐ filed in application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

☐ English translation document(s) [_____]

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☐ filed in application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

☒ **Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for:
Provisional Application No. 60/298,300, filed June 14, 2001.**

☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**

☐ Copy of [] cited references

☒ **PTO Form-1449 - All items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in Application Serial No. 09/924,076, filed August 7, 2001, to which the present application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.**

- ☐ Related Case Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii)
- ☐ A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) Serial No(s): _____, filed _____, respectively, is attached hereto.
- ☐ A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) entitled, _____, filed _____ to inventor(s) _____, respectively, is attached hereto.
- ☐ A copy of each related application(s) was submitted in parent application serial no. _____, filed _____.
- ☒ **Preliminary Amendment.**
- ☒ **Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503).**
- ☒ **This is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application serial no. 09/924,076 filed August 7, 2001 to which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.**
- ☒ **Cancel claims 1-28 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)**
- ☒ **A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).**
- ☒ **The status of the parent application is as follows:**
- ☐ A Petition To Withdraw From Issue Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. §313(c)(3) in favor of filing a continuation is attached.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until _____.
- ☐ A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.
- ☒ **No Petition for Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.**
- ☐ Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.
- ☐ Express Abandonment Under 37 CFR § 1.138 is attached.
- ☐ Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application.
- ☒ **Letter To Official Draftsperson.**
- ☒ **Formal Drawings (3 sheets of FIGS. 1-5) to be substituted for the original drawings filed in the parent application.**

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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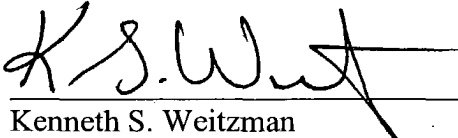
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- ☒ Small entity status is or has been claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (f) paid herewith \$415.00.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$415.00 in payment of the application filing fees is attached.
- ☐ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. _____. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.16, including all extension of time fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for maintaining copendency with the parent application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4481-4000US2. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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I hereby certify that the following attached paper(s) and/or fee

1. Utility Application and Application Fee Transmittal §1.53(b) (in duplicate);
2. **copy** of Specification (15 pages), Claims 1-28 (7 pages),
Abstract (1 page), 2 sheets of Drawings (FIGS. 1-5); Copy of Declaration
And Power Of Attorney For Patent Application (6 pages); originally filed in
co-pending Application Serial No. 09/924,076;
3. Preliminary Amendment (9 pages);
4. Copy of two Recorded Assignments (2 pages each);
5. Letter to Official Draftsperson (1 page);
6. Formal Drawings (3 sheets of FIGS. 1-5);
7. Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages in duplicate);
8. PTO Form 1449 (1 page);
9. Check in the amount of \$415.00; and
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